competition from imported seeds in the- domestic market and to harness export markets for Indian seeds; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) We have a reasonsably strong and time tested research network. Due to concerted efforts, about 2030 improved varieties of different crops have been released and notified for commsrcial cultivation in the country so far.

Seeds of fruits, vegetables and soma othsr crops are also being exported from the country.

Production of sugarcane in Maharashtra and Gujarat

*86. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that sugarcane production in Maharashtra and Gujarat is much less than installed capacity of the sugar mills;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what measures Government are taking to increase sugarcane production in these two States;

(c) whether new sugar mills are proposed to be set up in Maharahtra and Gujarat; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir, except that during the current 1993-94 season the sugarcane production in Maharashtra was not commensurate with the installed sugar production capacity in the State.

(b) In case of Maharashtra, the decline in sugarcane production could be attributed to the fall in cane area due to adverse climatic factors, diversion of cane area to other re munerative crops etc.

From the Sugar Development Fund, from 1986-87 to 30-5-94, an amount of Rs. 77.92 Crores has been disbursed to sugarfactories in Maharashtra and 1.60 Crores to sugar facto-riesin Gujarat for sugarcane development schemes.

(c) and (d) 17 letters of intent have been issued in the State of Maharashtra and 2 letters of intent in Gujarat State for setting up of new sugar mills during the sugar year 1993-94 upto 30th June, 1994. A statement giving the details of these mills is enclosed.

Statement

The Letters of Intent issued during the sugar year 1993-94 *upto 39th June,* 1994 *for setting up of New sugar Mills {Locathnwise and sectorwise*) *in the States of Maharashtra and Gujarat*

S.NS.	Name of applicant	Location	Sector
MAHARASHTRA:			
Disst. Satara			
1	M/s Tulja Bhavani Devi SSK Ltd.	At Rajuri, Teh. Phaltan	Coop.
2	M/s Kissan Veer SSK Ltd.	At Khandala	Coop.

S l.No.	Name of Applicant	Location	Sector
	Distt. Kolkapur		
3.	M/s Saptaganga Sahakari Karkhatia Ltd. .	. At VesrapPalsambl.Teh. Gagan-bawda	Coop,
4.	M/s Basantrao Naik SSK Ltd.	At Shahuwadi	Coop.
5.	M/s Sahyadri SSK Ltd	At Durgmanwad, Teh. Radhaaa-	Coop gari.
	Distt. Sangli		
6.	M/s Miraj Taluka SSK Ltd. .	At Sbindewadi, Teh. Miraj.	Coop.
7.	M/s SonhiraSSKLtd.	At Wangi, Teh. Khanapur.	Coop.
8.	M/s Dongarai Sangareshwar Snetkari SSK Ltd	At Raigaoa Teh. Khanapur	Coop.
	Distt. Nanded		
9.	M/s Patalganga SSK Ltd.	At Unakdeo (Mandvi) Teh. Kinwat	Coop.
10..	M/s Nandigram SSK Ltd.	At Sanushwar	Coop-
	Disti . Pune		
11.	M/s Bhiraa Shankar SSK Ltd. .	At Kothapur Teh. Ambegaon	Coop.
	Distt. Jalna		
12.	M/s. The Shree Rameshwar SSK Ltd.	At Sitfarkheda, Teh. Jafrabid	Coop.
	Distt . *Aurangabad*		
13.	Shri Hiraji Maharaj Shetkari SSK Ltd.	At Pishore, Teh. Kanaad	Coop.
14.	M/s. Grishneshwar SSK Ltd.	At Khultabad	Coop.
	Distt. Latur		
15.	M/s. Priydarshini Shetkari ss k Ltd.	At Tondar Teh. Udgir	Coop.
	Distt. Osmanabad		
16.	M/s. Shri Vithal SSK Ltd.	At Maran, Teh. Omerga	Coop.
	Distt. Parbhani		
17.	M/s. Shri Saibaba SSK Ltd. .	At Mankeshwar Teh. Jintur	Coop.
	GUJARAT		
	Distt, Vadodara		
1.	M/s. Sardar Coop. Sugar Industries Ltd. .	At Kadachhala Teh. Jetpur Pavi	Coop.
	Distt. Surat		
2.	Shri Surat Jilla Uttar Purva Vibbag Sahakari Udyog Mandli Ltd.	At bar Teh. Mindvi Karkhana	Coop,